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NARRATIVES FROM THE WAR

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"Alladin in France" is the title of a splendid pantomime produced in France by the men of a Canadian division. Their theatre holds over 600 people and over 3000 had witnessed the performance. At times the voices of the players were drowned by the bombardments, the theatre being near the line and within range of the guns. There is an orchestra of 25 instruments; the scenery was made and painted by the performers and many of the dresses were made at the theatre. Practically all the lyrics and songs were composed by the artists themselves.

Private Beesley of the Royal Berkshire Regiment was very fond of playing the piano. He was unfortunately wounded in the right hand and lost the thumb. Major Joyce, a young surgeon, amputated the third finger of Beesley's left hand and grafted it on the right in place of the thumb. He is once more a skilful pianist.

After an air raid over London an old woman, 80 years of age, was rescued from the wreckage of her house in the northeast district. She had been buried there for ten hours, oxygen and stimulant having been pumped to her by means of a pipe. As she was taken away on a stretcher she waved her hand and called out, "I'm all right, don't worry about me." It is difficult to terrorize a people like this.

A safety suit has been invented to be worn in crossing the ocean. It is called a thermos suit, and is thickly padded, with weighted feet and close-fitting helmet. It is fitted with pockets for an emergency ration and a whistle for attracting attention. A person wearing this suit can stay in the water for hours without feeling the cold.

General Pershing has been awarded the Belgian Order of the Grand Cross of the Order of Leopold. The decoration was presented by King Albert in person. The King also presented to Colonel Boyd, the American military attache, a cross of the officer of the Order of Leopold. American officers may accept foreign decorations, but may not wear them; it is hoped that Congress will pass a bill giving the desired permission.

In one of the periods when the American Engineers and their Canadian comrades in arms were holding a position, what appeared to be a British staff motor drove up. The driver was in the uniform of a British soldier, a man in the tonneau was in the uniform of a British staff officer. The officer stepped out and asked for the commanding officer. He was taken to a Canadian officer near by. The

staff officer ordered the commander to retire four kilometres, saying that the Germans were pressing on both flanks and he might be cut off. For some reason the Canadian commander became suspicious. He asked the staff officer to produce his authority, and when he would not do it, had him searched. Papers were found on him proving that he was a German officer, and he and his chauffeur were immediately shot.

American submarines are aiding the Allied forces in the fight against German U-boats. They crossed the Atlantic in bitter winter weather. Under-sea boats have been sent to Hawaii, the Philippines and Panama, but in mild weather. Officers and men faced hard days as they put out to sea. Cramped in narrow quarters, plunged into a 100-mile gale, and in the roughest weather in mid-December, there was no faltering, grumbling or complaining. When tow lines parted, in some cases unknown to the tugs and accompanying craft, the submarines battled forward alone. In the perilous passage the best traditions of the service were maintained.

Blanche Slocum, an American opera singer, who left Berlin in March, says the Germans make cloth of thistles as well as of paper. She wanted to buy some under linen as the laundress had failed to return some articles. "Bring your worn out things so I can be sure you need new ones," said the official. "But they're missing, the laundress says she can't find them." "Then the laundress must come and swear," he replied. Only one pair of stockings can be bought at a time and only one under garment. The purchaser must show desperate need by exhibiting rags and tatters. Prices are extremely high so there is less incentive to buy. Darning and patching have gone to lengths never dreamed before. Wooden shoes abound, not the boat-like sabots of the peasant, but a leather, or imitation leather, shoe with a wooden sole, or a wooden sandal without uppers. Sometimes the maker gives a degree of flexibility to a sole by inserting a wooden hinge. As rubber has vanished, elastic garters are replaced by spirals of wire. There are no rubber overshoes, or rubber raincoats.

Pope Benedict XV has vigorously protested to Berlin against the bombardment of Paris, especially against the destruction of churches and the wholesale massacre of people. Sixteen centuries ago another Pope, Leo I, made an appeal for the protection of a city against barbarous warfare. Leo went to the tent of Attila the Hun, and pleaded with him to save Rome, the seat of Christianity, from destruction. Attila was awed by "the apostolic majesty of his holy visitor" and spared the city. It was this Attila the Hun, whom the Kaiser, at the beginning of the war, urged his soldiers to emulate.